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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before examining this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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On page 1, line 19, please delete "which" and insert therefor --when--.

On page 1, line 26, please insert --such as-- before "G".

On page 2, line 7, please delete "3" and insert therefor --S3--.

On page 2, line 11, please insert --(labeled P2)-- after "check bit 26".

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On page 2, lines 23-24, please delete "is stored or provided comprising a list of prohibitive ratings" and insert therefor ~~of prohibited ratings is stored or provided~~.

On page 3, line 26, please delete "manufacture" and insert therefor ~~manufacturer~~.

On page 3, line 28, please delete "are" and insert therefor ~~is~~.

On page 3, line 29, please insert ~~the~~ after "when".

On page 4, line 13, please delete "content and time based" and insert therefor ~~content and time-based~~.

On page 4, line 15, please delete "content and time base" and insert therefor ~~content and time-based~~.

On page 4, line 22, please delete "manufacture" and insert therefor ~~manufacturer~~.

On page 5, line 14, please insert ~~between~~ after "selecting".

On page 6, line 12, please delete "contains" and insert therefor ~~contain~~.

On page 6, line 21, please delete "10" and insert therefor ~~100~~.

Please delete "114" and insert therefor ~~115~~ at the following locations: page 6, line 26; page 6, line 27; page 6, line 29; page 8, line 10; page 8, line 13; page 8, line 31; and page 9, line 6.

On page 7, line 28, please delete "program" and insert therefor ~~user~~.

On page 7, line 29, please delete "transceiver" and insert therefor ~~receiver~~.

On page 7, line 31, please delete "T_s" and insert therefor ~~C_s~~.

On page 9, line 15, please delete "and".

On page 9, line 19, please delete "C_I" and insert therefor ~~C_I~~.

On page 9, line 20, please insert ~~is~~ after "102".

On page 9, line 20, please delete "C_S" and insert therefor ~~C_S~~.

On page 9, line 31, please insert ~~the~~ after "with".

On page 10, line 28, please delete "162" and insert therefor ~~150~~.

On page 11, line 3, please delete "162" and insert therefor ~~150~~.

On page 11, line 10, please delete "152" and insert therefor ~~156~~.

On page 11, line 14, please delete "152" and insert therefor ~~156~~.

On page 11, line 18, please delete "system 162" and insert therefor ~~system 160~~.

On page 11, line 20, please delete "162" and insert therefor ~~150~~.

On page 12, line 3, please delete "television" and insert therefor "movie".

On page 12, line 18, please delete "cannot" and insert therefor ~~can~~.

On page 12, line 23, please insert ~~all~~ after "then".

On page 12, line 24, please insert ~~and~~ after "blocked".

On page 12, line 24, please delete "situation" and insert therefor ~~situations~~.

On page 12, line 29, please insert ~~are~~ after "or".

On page 13, line 1, please delete "CS" and insert therefor ~~C_s~~.

On page 14, line 10, please delete "SP" and insert therefor ~~S_p~~.

On page 14, line 10, please delete "10:00PM" and insert therefor ~~12:00AM~~.

On page 14, line 11, please delete "pre-teen" and insert therefor ~~pre-teen~~.

On page 14, line 24, please delete "system 102" and insert therefor ~~system 102~~.

On page 15, line 8, please delete "system 102" and insert therefor ~~system 100~~.

On page 15, lines 9-12, please delete "The parent also specifies a television rating of TV-PG and a corresponding time range between 8:00PM and 5:00AM, preventing the pre-teen children from watching any programs with a rating exceeding TV-PG" and insert therefor Additionally, between 8:00PM and 5:00AM, when the pre-school children are